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Disorders In Calcutta Continue Second Day; Pitched Battle Raging

250 Persons Said Dead, 1,600 Hurt

Calcutta, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A pitched battle raged tonight between crowds of Moslems and Hindus in central Calcutta after anotner day of riots marked by arson, looting and stabbing incidnts. Casualties in the two day discord were estimated at 250 killed and 1,600 injured.

British and Indian troops, reinforced by armored cars, struggled to clear the streets. The situation was reported improved in the northern part of the city.

Sir Frederick Burrows, governor of Bengal, told Calcuttans in a broadcast "it is discreditable that, on the eve of self-government, the largest ctiy in India should become a victim of mob rule." He said political leaders of all parties were unanimous in condemning what he called "the licentious destruction of life and property."

Police fired many times during the day to disperse crowds looting shops. Some bodies lay unidentified in blood-stained streets.

The roar of crowds and the crash of breaking glass could be heard along with the crackle of small arms fire. Damage to date was set at around $4,000,000.

Some office workers were stranded in their office buildings. Many others, who succeeded in reaching their homes yesterday, did not report to their jobs today.

Orders were issued prohibiting the assembly of five or more persons and barring the carrying of dangerous weapons as reports came in from northeastern sections of the city telling of new trouble today.

Yesterday's clashes began when the Moslem League observed a "direct action day" protesting against British independence plans for India. The bloody clashes continued into the night, despite a curfew. Bus and train service remained suspended today and some isolated cases of looting were reported during the night and this morning.

Some estimates placed the looting at more than $3,000,000.

Some sources said it would be a week before order was restored.

British troops, kept in a stand by status, were being used in a limited extent, but responsibility for maintaining law and order still rested with the local police. The troops, wearing steep helmets, were well armed. They moved about the streets in jeeps covered with wire mesh to protect themselves against missiles hurled by mobs.

The police resorted to firing in some instances to break up Hindu-Moslem fighting. They opened fire on college streets, where the burning of a Moslem mosque caused bitter fighting.

Conference Invites Iran And Austria

Vote Is 15 To 6 To Ask Austria, Unanimous On Iran

Paris, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The European peace conference voted 15 to 6 today, over Russian opposition, to invite Austria to present her views on the pending treaty with Italy and then adopted unanimously a Soviet proposal to invite Iran to be heard as well.

The United States joined Britain in favor of permitting Austria to appear — in the words of the proposal —"to explain its point of view on the treaty with Italy on the same terms as Albania, Mexico, Cuba and Egypt.

Soviet Delegate Andrei Vishinsky twice took the floor to express his opposition. He contended it was clear that the object was to bring up Austria's "claims to the South Tyrol, a claim which was rejected by the council of foreign ministers." He said there were "many reasons" against the invitation.

Conference In Recess.

White Russia, the Ukraine, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia lined up with Russia against the invitation when it came to a vote.

State Department Counselor Ben V. Cohen had expressed the U. S. hope that "the conference will let Austria be heard."

He observed "it would take less time to hear the views of Austria than to debate her right to be heard."

The conference later recessed until Monday.

Immediately after approval of the invitation to Austria the Soviet delegate placed a motion before the conference for a similar invitation to Iran.

"The Iranian government has three times communicated its desire to take part in this conference," Vishinsky said. "The Soviet delegation thinks the request is entirely justified and well founded."

Can Talk But Not Vote.

The Soviet delegate proposed that Iran be invited on the same footing as other United Nations members which hitherto have not taken part in the conference. This would give the proposed delegation an opportunity to express its views but not to vote.

Vishinsky said that Iran had contributed to the victory over Germany through its cooperation in moving supplies through her territory. He said Iran made its first application to take part in the conference July 25.

Dr. Kuo Tai-chi, of the Chinese delegation, supported the Russian proposal to invite Iran.

The U. S. also joined in the general approval with the declaration of Cohen that his delegation "takes pleasure in supporting the proposal."

Auto Deaths In June Show 81 Pct. Jump

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Raleigh, Aug. 17.—Final report on traffic casualties for the month of June, released today by the highway division, shows 76 persons killed and 486 injured, as compared with 42 killed and 266 injured in June of last year. This is an increase in fatalities of 80.9 per cent.

There were 396 accidents in towns and cities, resulting in 13 deaths, while 391 accidents on country roads claimed 63 deaths. Six town victims and eleven rural deaths were pedestrians.

Further breakdown and analysis of the location and type of accidents resulting in fatalities, leads T. Boddie Ward, commissioner of motor vehicles, to these conclusions.

"The character of accidents resulting in fatalities, injury and property damage continues to show that such accidents were due, in the main, to careless and reckless driving, and in most instances to high speed. Those who drive motor vehicles and consistently fail to observe the rules and courtesies of the road will continue to pay in the loss of life, limb and destruction of property. It is mystifying that more drivers do not learn and profit by the errors of the dead and maimed."

Body Of Baseball Scout Is Found In Dallas Hotel

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 17—(AP)—The bloody, nude body of a man identified by cards found in his clothes nearby as Les Wilson, a baseball scout for the St. Louis Cardinals, was found in a fourth floor room of a hotel here today.

Detective Chief Will Fritz said he had been dead only two or three hours. Fritz said there was evidence a fight had taken place earlier.

AFTER 'GHOST' ROCKET HIT PLANE



WRECKAGE OF A SWEDISH military reconnaissance plane is shown on the ground near Vaggeryd, Sweden, after it had collided head on with one of the mysterious rockets which have been reported seen in that area. Three flyers were instantly killed in the crash. (International Radiophoto)

More Lakes' Vessels Tied-Up By Strike

Strike-Breakers Reported Used At Ashtabula, O.

Detroit, Aug. 17.—(AP)—An official of the CIO-National Maritime Union said today "an increasing number" of the nearly 400 American-registry ships on the Great Lakes are being laid up in port by the three-day-old strike.

Joseph Stack, NMU vice president and strike leader, declined, however, to reduce the union's claim of 98 vessels idle on Friday, preferring he said, to await an official NMU tabulation later in the day.

"There is more activity in all ports today by the union than at any other time," he said, explaining he meant picketing and "ships tying up."

Stack said he may go to Ashtabula, Ohio, to investigate "reports" of strike breaking there. The NMU has threatened to counter such activities, if confirmed, with force. On the third day of the NMU strike, major points in the strategy were:

1—Avoiding trouble with the AFL.

2—Constant use of the battle cry of a 40 hour week to persuade nonunion crews to join the walkout. Most Great Lakes seamen are nonunion.

A small bright spot in the situation was the prospect that negotiations between the union and two strike bound companies may be resumed next week.

President Takes Vacation Cruise

With President Truman In Chesapeake Bay, Aug. 17.—(AP)—President Truman put aside all but the most urgent of White House business today aboard his Atlantic-bound yacht.

A radio, telephone, a teletype and a White House mail plane kept him informed of events the world over, but he concentrated on loafing on his first official "vacation" since becoming President.

His doctor, Col. Wallace Graham, prescribed a rigid diet, rest and relaxation during the course of the cruise to th Narragansett Bay area and up the east coast of Maine.

He pronounced his distinguished patient as "physically fit" but "a little tired" after 16 months in the White House.

A rigid diet for the past several weeks has brought the President's weight down from 178 to 172 pounds.

Gets His Share



SMILING Edward Malagrani, 3, is shown leaving a small bakery shop in Philadelphia, Pa., with about all the bread he can carry. He is the envy of those waiting in line to get their share of bread. The bread shortage was caused by the current bakery workers strike in the Quaker City. (International)

40 COMMUNISTS DIE IN CLASH IN GREECE

Athens, Aug. 17. — (AP) — Forty members of a communist band were killed and 50 others wounded in two major clashes with gendarmerie near Volos, reports from that region said today.

Jews Told To Stand By For Action

Protest Gathering Is Held In Haifa Behind Barbed Wire

Jerusalem, Aug. 17.—(AP)—An unseen speaker, addressing a Haifa Jewish protest meeting held behind barbed wire barricades to prevent military or police interference, told a gathering of thousands of Jews today to "be prepared for everything and stand by during the next few hours."

Jewish crowds erected the barricades, then began the meeting to protest the deportation of more than 1,400 Jewish refugees whose transfer to Cyprus was presumed to be underway.

Jewish guards diverted all civilian traffic from the scene of the protest meeting.

No military or police forces approached the crowd.

Deportation Protested.

The gathering followed a broadcast at 15 minute intervals during the morning by the secret Jewish radio "The Voice of Israel." Loud speakers placed in many windows blared forth the radio announcement.

The unseen speaker's voice issued from an amplifier. He protested against the deportation which he said was being carried out by the British with the help of the whole army using full equipment, tanks and five battleships.

The warning "to be prepared" issued from the amplifier after the demonstrators had sung the Jewish anthem of nationalism at the close of the meeting.

Throughout the morning, "The Voice of Israel" station had broadcast the appeal to Jews in the Haifa area to "leave your homes and join the demonstration in the center of town."

House Surplus Property Probe Branching-Out

Destruction Of Army Equipment Will Be Probed

Washington, Aug. 17. — (AP) — A House committee's investigation of government surplus goods disposal branched out today to touch on destruction of army equipment and gifts of real estate to new-born educational institutions.

Meanwhile, the surplus property committee suspended temporarily its inquiry into the activities of war brokers in the nation's capital after citing Benjamin F. Field, pudgy Washington promoter, for contempt. The committee held he had failed to come up with his records in a wire purchasing transaction.

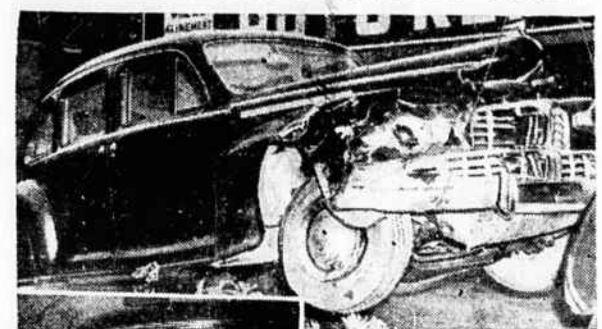
There were these developments:

1. Robert Whittet, director of the War Assets Administration's institutional division, admitted that the newly formed American Institute for foreign trade had acquired, without financial outlay, government owned land and buildings with $407,000 at Glendale, Ariz.

2. Chairman Slaughter (D) of Missouri announced that the committee would hold public hearings beginning Monday in Atlanta on "the army's destruction or radio and electronic equipment."

3. A declaration by J. F. Carroll, director of the compliance enforcement division of the WAA, that the huge government holdings of surplus property were attracting "numerous speculators and profiteers." A former FBI agent, he said his division was drafting a black list of such individuals just as soon as they can be detected.

MRS. FDR INJURED IN AUTO CRASH





FORMER FIRST LADY, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt (left, at wheel of car) was injured slightly when she "dozed off" while driving from Hyde Park to New York City. Mrs. Roosevelt's car collided with two other autos, crashing head-on with one and sideswiping another, on the Saw Mill River Parkway, Yonkers, N. Y., according to police reports. Above is wrecked auto of the late President's widow. (International)

Eleanor Roosevelt Won't Face Trial In Auto Accident

Yonkers, N. Y., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Westchester Parkway police said that no charges would be filed in connection with the three-way car crash on Saw Mill River Parkway Thursday involving an automobile driven by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Four persons were injured in the collision which occurred, police said, after Mrs. Roosevelt dozed at the wheel, permitting her sedan to veer into the path of oncoming traffic.

Mrs. Roosevelt's maid, Mrs. Gertrude Jones, and a passenger in one of the other cars, Thomas E. Dowdell of Brooklyn, remained in St. John's Riverside Hospital with cuts and bruises.

The three victims, Albert Brooks of Brooklyn and Mrs. Arlene Rose of Ossining, went home after receiving first aid.

Mrs. Roosevelt was reported resting in her Greenwich Village apartment in New York City. Aside from a severe jolting, she suffered only "a couple of bumps on the head," her secretary, Malvina Thompson, said.

Yugoslavs Refuse To Discuss Airmen Aboard U. S. Plane

Belgrade, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Yugoslav military authorities refused today to discuss the case of a United States army transport plane forced down by Yugoslav fighters last week on the grounds that it was a matter which should be handled by the governments of the U. S. and Yugoslavia.

Col. Richard C. Patridge, U. S. military attache in Belgrade, conferred with the deputy chief of the Yugoslav army and was told the Yugoslav war ministry would not discuss the case. The officer learned nothing more about the circumstances of the August 9 incident.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy and continued hot tonight and Sunday.

Mississippi River Flood Is Fatal To 4

1,200 Are Homeless After Heavy Rains; Levee Washes Out

By The Associated Press.

Heavy rains flooded numerous Illinois communities today costing four persons their lives, inflicting heavy property damage and leaving more than 1,200 persons homeless.

The Illinois lowlands across the Mississippi river from St. Louis suffered most. Property damage ran into millions of dollars when nine to 12 inches of rain fall in 48 hours ended yesterday.

A flood weakened levee burst about 75 miles northwest of St. Louis after a Thursday night storm, sending thousands of tons of sand and water into the littl etown of Pearl, Ill. No lives were lost among the 600 residents, but 250 were made homeless.

"I don't see how they all got out alive, Pike County Sheriff Steve Hoover said. "The people were looking for trouble and made their way to high spots before the levee burst but some persons were taken to safety by small boats.

The ten-foot high levee, 24 feet broad at the base, gave way under the pressure of flood waters in two creeks, tributaries of the nearby Illinois river.

COMMUNISTS MASS FORCES IN CHINA

Nanking, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Chinese dispatches from northern Kiangsu province said today that Chinese communists had massed 100,000 reinforcements for a counter-offensive against Yangchow and Jukao.

Possession of the cities is important for control of the north bank of the Yantzee from Nanking and Shanghai. The dispatches said the troops had been moved from Shangtung province.

2 Legislators Tangle Over Fall Voting

Washington, Aug. 17. — (AP)— A Democratic and a Republican senator jumped into a pitched political battle between their party's national chairman today over the issue of the November election.

Senator Capper (R) of Kansas told a reporter he thought Democratic Chairman Robert Hannegan was "trying to deceive the people" in accusing congressional Republicans of engaging "in a deliberate, concerted scheme to back the postwar program which the American people wanted."

Senator Taylor (D) of Idaho declared in a separate interview that GOP Chairman Carroll Reece was "talking through his hat" when he said it seemed a "practical certainty that the people this year will entrust control of Congress to the Republicans."

Reece declared in a speech in Denver that if his party gains control it will make an investigation Truman administration which will make recent war profits disclosures "seem like a pop gun in comparison with an atomic bomb."

Taylor said if an investigation showed any irregularities in obtaining money from the government "it was stolen by the big industrialists who had the contracts and they are all Republicans."

MEDICS GO TO SHIP.

New York, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The New York port of embarkation and the coast guard announced today that a plane with a doctor aboard had taken off from Salem, Mass., to answer a radio call from the troopship New Bern Victory, 400 miles east of New York in the Atlantic, for immediate medical aid for two passengers with "serious respiratory difficulties."

Jewish Refugees Undergo Hardships Aboard Vessel In Harbor At Haifa





Makeshift tarpaulins cover a number of rough tiered bunks on one of the small ships used to transport Jewish refugees from Italy to Palestine (right), while at left the picture of a crowded deck scene shows the hardships faced by immigrants who sought to enter the Holy Land illegally.